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SUBJ: RED: ESCAP: SEVENTH SESSION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 7, 1975, BANGKOK

REF : STATE 747

1. SUMMARY: ACPR COMPRESSED TWO-DAY MEETING INTO ONE BY POSTPONING  
DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON SOME AGENDA ITEMS UNTIL RESUMED SESSION  
JANUARY 23-24. WRANGLE OVER SHIPPING DEVELOPED AGAIN WITH FOUR MORE  
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING US, SUPPORTING STATUS QUO FORMULA FOR FIRST  
TIME. INDONESIA WILL INVITE COMMISSION'S 32ND SESSION TO JAKARTA.  
END SUMMARY.

2. EIGHTEEN PERMREPS ATTENDED INCLUDING FIVE NON-REGIONALS. MARAMIS  
AND DIVISION CHIEFS ALL PRESENT.

3. MEMBER OF REVIEW MISSION ON REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES DIS-  
CUSSED REPORT (COPY EN ROUTE IO/CMD) BUT FEW COMMENTED. WHILE  
IRAN INDICATED STRONG INTEREST INHOSTING ONE INSTITUTE, JAPANESE  
REP COULD NOT CLARIFY REVIEW MISSION ALLEGATION THAT GOJ NO LONGER  
STRONGLY INTERESTED IN KEEPING ASI IN TOKYO.

4. DESPITE STRONG AUSTRALIAN SELLING PITCH, ACPR COULD ONLY AGREE  
TO DISCUSS REGISTRY PROPOSAL AT JANUARY 23 SESSION.

5. MALAYSIA, THAILAND,, KHMER REPUBLIC AND US INDICATED FOR FIRST  
TIME IN ACPR SUPPORT FOR EXPERT GROUP MAJORITY RECOMMENDATION (PARA  
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32OES/ACPR/12 22 OCTOBER 1974) FOR MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO

REGARDING ESCAP ADMINISTRATION OF SHIPPING. DESPITE STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM INDIA, IRAN, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA AND USSR, ACPR FINALLY AGREED TO LIST COUNTRIES IN ITS REPORT WHICH ACCEPT OR OPPOSE MAJORITY RECOMMENDATION. (COMMENT: THIS PERMITS ESCAP TO VOTE WITHOUT BREAKING VOTING TABOO).

6. WORK PROGRAM (OPS/ACPR/23) WAS ENDORESED WITHOUT COMMENT. SECRETARIAT INDICATED MONDAY AFTERNOON MARC 3 AT 31ST SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO THIS TOPIC. (DOCUMENT AND SESSION CALENDAR MAILED JANUARY 8)..

7. DRAFT CALENDAR (OPS/ACPR/24) WAS PRAISED FOR STRETCHING OUT COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING YEAR. EVEN MORE IMPROVEMENT EXPECTED AT JANUARY 23 SESSION. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA (OES/ACPR/22) WAS PASSED WITH RESERVATIONS ONLY FROM INDIA AND NEW ZEALAND. (BOTH ABOVE DOCUMENTS MAILED JANUARY 3).

8. DRAFT ACPR REPORT TO COMMISSION BEING PREPARED BY FIVE PERMREPS FOR JANUARY 23 SESSION. AT CONCLUSION SESSION, INDONESIA ANNOUNCED IT WOULD INVITE ESCAP 32ND SESSION TO JAKARTA BECAUSE BANGKOK FACILITIES NOT EXPECTED BE READY.

9. COMMENT: REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS SUFFICIENT FOR RESUMED SESSION. WITHOUT A DOUBT, SHIPPING COMMITTEE ISSUE WILL BE MOST CONTENTIOUS ONE AT NEW DELHI.  
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